

THE ZENITH IS REACHED

Everyone in for Good Time at Sweet Chalybeate.

SUPPERS AND DINNERS

Pretty Gorman Danced on Saturday Evening—Richmond Girls Hostesses of a Pretty Room Party.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SWEET CHALYBEATE SPRINGS, August 15.—The zenith of the season is at hand, and every one is in for a good time, many entertainments being given, mostly card parties and suppers. But, no matter of what nature, the entertainment is there to be found a number ready to enter into it with interest and zest. The past week was well filled with the innumerable small parties, except on Wednesday evening, when the concert and tableaux were given.

A German was danced this evening. The largest entertainment of the season was on Wednesday evening, when a concert and tableaux were given for charity, and a very good sum realized. About three hundred persons enjoyed the magnificent singing of Mrs. W. G. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, especially in her selections of "Violator" and "Forgotten." Also violin solos, rendered by Mr. Hahn in a masterly style.

The recitations by Prof. George McIntyre, of Delaware, was loudly applauded, being most amusing. The tableaux were beautiful, and a great credit to Mrs. Geo. Caldwell, of Louisville, and Mrs. McCauley, of St. Louis, who so successfully arranged and managed them. They were mostly Gibson pictures, with a few others interspersed, making a programme that was enjoyable from the first to last.

Dr. N. E. Stahl was master of ceremonies, and with a touch of wit and humor in announcing each number, added greatly to the enjoyment of all. Several ladies arranged a very attractive booth on the veranda, lighted by Japanese lanterns, and there sold lemonade, which was served by a crew of charming young girls.

A supper was given Saturday evening on the porch at Mrs. W. G. Caldwell's cottage, which was one of the most delightful affairs of the week. The table was beautifully arranged, with covers of four colors, and the light of the lamps were softened by colored shades. Those who enjoyed the supper were: Mrs. W. G. Caldwell, Major and Mrs. John A. Lejeune, Mr. and Mrs. St. George Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Hobson and Mrs. Connor, of Jacksonville, and Mrs. Webb, Miss Margaret Old and Miss Anne Henry, of Norfolk; Miss Welsh, of New York; Mr. Ferguson, of Richmond; Mr. Anton Caldwell, of Cincinnati.

Mrs. Blair Burwell, of Jacksonville, entertained at five-hand euchre on Monday morning, when two tables were set around by the players. The prizes were won by Mrs. William W. Old and Mrs. Chester Scott, of Norfolk. The other guests were Miss Roy, of Washington; Mrs. E. M. Sanderson and Mrs. Wilcox, of Jacksonville; Mrs. Frank T. Barker and Miss Sallie Holmes, of Jacksonville; Mrs. DuBoise, of Charleston, S. C.; Mrs. Holden, of Charleston, W. Va.

DELIGHTFUL DRIVE.
A party of eight went over to Mahan's on Saturday evening for supper, when after a delightful drive across the mountain, all sat down to an elegant supper of fried chicken, waffles and all the good things that home is noted for. The party consisted of Mrs. Annie and Mrs. W. Waters, of Baltimore; Miss Annie, of Delaware; Messrs. Denmond and Perline, of Baltimore; McIntyre, of Delaware, and Blackford, of Staunton.

Misses Annie and Rebecca Gordon, of Richmond, were hostesses of a very delightful room party on Friday evening after the dancing was over, in honor of Misses Mary Floyd and Rebecca Adams, of East, Orange, N. J., who left the following day. The party was very enjoyable, and the guests were Miss Nina Armstrong, of Baltimore; Miss Jeffords, of Charleston, W. Va.; Miss Stahl, of Delaware; Messrs. Margaret Old, Elizabeth Martin, Virginia Starke, and Annie Henry, of Norfolk; Miss Nina Boykin, of Baltimore.

Mr. Hume Taylor, of Norfolk, was given a party on the lawn Wednesday morning by Mr. George McIntyre, when the hour was spent in playing under the trees playing games, talking pictures and enjoying the cream and cake. His little guests were Misses Katharine and Emily Sue Butt, of Portsmouth; Lydia Taylor, Alice Herbert, of Richmond, Robert and Elizabeth Baldwin, of Norfolk; Elizabeth DuBoise, of Charleston, S. C.; also Dr. and Mrs. N. E. Stahl and Misses Ethel, of Delaware; Miss Nina Boykin and Gurney, of Richmond, and Miss Helen Taylor, of Norfolk.

Mrs. Charles Willis, of Richmond, entertained at cards Tuesday evening, when a game of seven hand euchre was played. Her guests were Miss Roy, of Washington; Miss Sallie Cooke, of Norfolk; Miss O'Connor, of Richmond; Miss Willis, of Morrisstown, N. J.; Mrs. John A. Lejeune, of Portsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. St. George Anderson, of Richmond; Miss Anne Henry, of Norfolk.

NEW ARRIVALS.
The arrivals in the past week were Mrs.

O. H. Shrewsbury and Miss Shrewsbury, of Charleston, W. Va.; Judge and Mrs. William B. Martin, Misses Elizabeth and Marion Martin and Master George Martin, and Miss Virginia Starke, of Norfolk; Miss Elizabeth K. Webb, Miss Ella Green, of Baltimore, Md.; Mr. Gurney, of Danville, of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. J. H. Steiner, of Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Dabney, Misses Mary Moore and Katharine Dabney, Mrs. R. S. Phillips, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Robert Kroger, of Cincinnati; Mr. William W. Old, of Norfolk; Mr. D. H. Byrum, of Washington; Mr. Eddie and wife, of Lewisburg, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Thomas, of Newbern, N. C.; R. L. Sterrett and wife, Misses Helen Sterrett and Nellie Hays, of Charleston, W. Va.; Mrs. J. H. Blake, Misses H. D. Mary and Helen G. Blake, of Terra Haute, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dehn, of Cincinnati; Messrs. E. H. Austin, of Lewisburg; L. S. Jacobs and T. N. Jacobs, of Dalby's, Va.; H. P. Simpson, of Washington; Mrs. G. H. Fleming, of Jacksonville, Fla.

CHARLOTTE SOCIETY

Gard Parties and Other Gayeties During the Past Week.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTE, N. C., Aug. 15.—On Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock Mrs. Ernest Holt entertained at cards. Mrs. Holt at all times charming, made a delightful hostess. The occasion was a most enjoyable one to each of the invited guests. The prize-winners were Miss Matt Dowd, Mrs. Finlayson and Mrs. Hirschinger.

Mr. George L. Van Elop, who has spent the past two months in Europe, returned home Tuesday. Miss Louise Wadsworth entertained at a delightful bridge ride and dance at the Country Club Tuesday night in honor of her guests, the Misses Cannon, of Spartanburg, S. C.

Miss Alice McAden and her guest, Miss Harris, of Sparta, Ga., left Friday for Morganton, where they will be the guests of Mrs. L. L. Gibbon, of this city; Mrs. L. J. Massey, of Port Mill, S. C., and Miss Beulah Wilson, of Morganton, daughters of Major Wilson, left Monday morning for Morganton, to take part in a reunion of the members of the family of Major Wilson.

Mrs. H. A. Badham and her granddaughter, Miss Johnson Bason, leave next week for Hendersonville, where they will spend several weeks. Miss Bason has been elected violin teacher at Red Springs Seminary and will assume her duties this fall.

Mrs. Marshall Collins and Miss Elizabeth Hull left Saturday for Wrightsville Beach to spend ten days.

Mr. Edmund L. Burringer has returned from Hot Springs, N. C., where he led the week end german at the Mountain Park Hotel Saturday night.

Misses Coble and Sumner, of Richmond, Va., who have been visiting Mrs. W. L. Hahn, have returned home. While here they made a number of friends, who hope to see them back again ere long.

Mrs. R. L. Sawyer and son, who were on the way to the mountains, where they will spend a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Bradley left Friday for a visit to Norfolk and Roanoke, Va.

Through the efforts of Messrs. Willis Brown and G. E. Mason, a very enjoyable religious cantata was given at Olivet Church Monday night. Mr. Mason gave a musical talk, and enough money was collected to support a native missionary in China.

Invitations have been received here to the wedding of Miss Nellie Louise Parrott, of Lydia, S. C., to Dr. Charles R. Zieckler, of this city. The marriage takes place this (Sat.) evening at 8 o'clock at the most popular of Charlotte's dentists, and has a host of warm friends here.

Misses Rhine, of Mount Holly, gave a dance Wednesday night to a number of invited guests from different parts of the State. Everything was on an elaborate scale, and the occasion was a delightful one. Quite a party went from Charlotte to Mt. Holly to be present at the dance, returning here the next morning. In the party that went from here were: Misses Mary Mayer, Tallulah DeLoach, Katherine and Helen, of Mt. Holly; of Baltimore, and Messrs. Max Hunter, Ben. Fennell, Yates Paison, Gus Spang, W. J. Moore and Thomas, of Richmond. The string band from Charlotte furnished music for the occasion.

Little Miss Martha Faulkner gave a party at her home to about twenty-five of her little friends.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING

The Opera Melkado Well Presented by Amateur Talent.

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STAUNTON, VA., August 15.—The annual Epworth League Conference of the Rockingham District, held in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Mount Sidney, this country, Tuesday and Wednesday, was attended by a large gathering. Rev. C. B. Sutton, of Parnassus, on behalf of the local league, delivered a most cordial welcome to the visiting leaguers. Mr. H. G. Barnhart, of New Hope, Va., responded. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. John M. Kline, of Edom, Va.

The Rockingham District embraces leagues from the Rockbridge county line to Mount Jackson, and all portions of this district. The following list of delegates has been suggested by a number of prominent Republicans of this county: For county treasurer, John G. Fulton; clerk of the court, Joseph S. Cochran; sheriff, A. P. Anderson; coroner, William H. Turner; R. S. Clarke and Samuel A. Dunlap.

These are all prominent citizens of this county and county, and would all make a fine and complete county ticket.

The City School Board met here Tuesday and elected teachers to fill the vacancies caused since last session. Misses Mattie Bieble, Sallie Bell, Mary Berkeley and Mrs. J. W. Wadsworth were elected. Mr. R. L. Floyd has been elected a member of the school board of Beverly Manor District, to take the place of Mr. M. Wilkes, who recently resigned.

Mr. Robert B. Byrd was elected clerk of the board of supervisors. The board, both of the county, was married near Crimora, Wednesday evening. A marriage license has been issued in the county clerk's office for the marriage of Mr. Byrd and Miss Byrd.

SCROFULA A DISEASE WE INHERIT.

Scrofula manifests itself in many ways. Swelling of the glands of the neck and throat, Catarrh, weak eyes, white swelling, offensive sores and abscesses, skin eruptions, loss of strength and weakness in muscles and joints. It is a miserable disease and traceable in almost every instance to some family blood taint. Scrofula is bred in the bone, is transmitted from parent to child, the seeds are planted in infancy and unless the blood is purged and purified and every atom of the taint removed Scrofula is sure to develop at some period in your life.

No remedy equals S. S. S. as a cure for Scrofula. It cleanses and builds up the blood, makes it rich and pure, and under the tonic effects of this great Blood Remedy, the general health improves, the digestive organs are strengthened, and there is a gradual but sure return to health. The deposit of tubercular matter in the joints and glands is carried off as soon as the blood is restored to a normal condition, and the sores, eruptions, and other symptoms of Scrofula disappear.

S. S. S. is guaranteed purely vegetable and harmless; an ideal blood purifier and tonic that removes all blood taint and builds up weak constitutions. Our physicians will advise without charge, all who write us about their case. Book mailed free.

THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

of Mr. Noah F. Bear, sixty-six years old, and Mrs. Mary Bear, aged fifty-nine.

The beautiful opera, Melkado was presented Thursday night at the Staunton Opera House by amateur talent, and was largely attended.

The Bears Hill Horse Company have been practicing carefully for some time, and are getting in first-class order to participate in the contest for prizes at the Firemen's Association meeting at Danville Friday. The boys feel fully confident of bringing away with them one or more prizes.

Mrs. Hunter McGuire, of Richmond, was visiting her sister, Mrs. Alexander Robertson, this week.

Miss Lucy Powell, of Richmond, is visiting friends in Staunton.

Rev. A. M. Fraser and Mr. William Gray were called to Richmond this week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Frank J. Brooks. Mr. Gray and Mrs. Brooks were cousins.

After spending several weeks visiting his mother, Mr. J. B. Kirkham, at Augusta, Ga., returned to Richmond and Annapolis county, Miss Lena Hanner returned to Richmond Friday.

Miller & Rhoads.

We Are Offering Some Especially Good Values in Umbrellas

You need never get wet nor feel the sun's rays too strong for the want of a good Umbrella if you secure one of ours.

From \$5.00 to \$10.00 offers a wide range to choose from and while \$5.00, seems very little to pay for an Umbrella, yet you'll be very agreeably surprised at what we can do for you at that price. It's covered with good colored glass and a genuine Paragon frame with natural wood handles and a steel rod.

For \$1 you get a Silk Twilled Corolla or Waterproof Taffeta, with a Paragon frame. The best dollar Umbrella on sale at the present time.

\$1.50 purchases a Tape Border Taffeta Umbrella, for either men or women, with a cane and tasseled Paragon frame and ebony boxwood or Firz handles.

\$2.00 for an All-Silk Taffeta, with natural wood handles. All the value of this Umbrella is put in the cloth.

\$3.00 for the "Czar" Umbrella; all-silk, 26 and 28-inch sizes, for men and women; plain or tasseled, with opera or Princess handles; heavy military tassels and all-silk canes.

From \$4 to \$10 we have a splendid assortment of All-Silk Umbrellas, the different handles as a rule making the difference in price. Among the higher-priced Umbrellas we also have All-Silk Cravottes.

This underwear is new, cut full, finely finished in every way and is manufactured by the best concern of the kind in the United States.

We control the sale exclusively in Richmond. The prices we quote are not reduced ones, but we compare them with the prices of similar garments of like qualities in other makes.

Cotton Drawers, plain, hemstitched and tucked, 25c., worth 35c.

Cambric Drawers for 30c., made with a hemstitched hem, with three tucks above the hem; worth 50c.

Fine Cambric Chemise for 50c. It's as good a quality and as well made as the ordinary 75c. Chemise.

Fine Nainsook Chemise for \$1.00. Embroidery insertion around the neck. This garment is equal to the ordinary \$1.25 garments.

Cambric Skirts for \$1.50, worth \$2; trimmed with four rows of tucks; an extra ruffle trimmed with lace and a dust ruffle.

Handsome Cambric Skirt for \$2.50, but it's a \$3.50 garment, measured by ordinary values.

Lawn ruffle, two rows of inserting and tucks and trimmed with fine tulle lace.

Cambric and Cotton Gowns for \$1.00. High or square necks, trimmed with Hamburg insertion and hemstitched tucks.

Some are in chemise style, trimmed with ribbon. They're equal to the usual \$1.50 gown.

\$2.75 for a Fine Nainsook Gown, worth \$3.50. It's trimmed with ornate and ribbon and has hemstitched banding.

A Few Specimens of Low-Priced Colored Wash Goods

A beautiful silk embroidered Organdy is now 25c.—a few months ago it was half a dollar.

Soft Finish Percales, a yard wide, 10c. They're the 12c. quality.

Figured Lawn and Batiste, fine and sheer, 8-10c. Some of 'em are 12c. grade.

Figured Lawn with a linen finish for 6c.; worth 6-14c.

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Richmond's Greatest China Store.

Richmond people have recognized the fact more than ever during the last two weeks that our China Store has no superior in this vicinity.

The China we are showing is not only beautiful in design, but plentiful in assortment and withal very moderate in price.

The illustration this morning will give you an idea of how some of the pieces look contained in our \$3.50 Porcelain Dinner Sets of 100 pieces. The decorations are in border patterns of pink and purple flowers.

English China Dinner Sets in 49 pieces, for \$4.05. One of the daintiest sets for a small family that you can find. The decorations are all underglazed in blue.

Ice-Cream Sets of Haviland China, 43 pieces for \$5; delicate decorations. English China, 7-inch plates and also Jeep soup plates for 10c. each. Pretty decorations of blue and green which are underglazed. Cups and Saucers to match the plates, 10c.

We have delicate French China Cups and Saucers, decorated in blue and pink, for \$2.80 the dozen, although they usually retail for \$3.50.

French China Dinner Plates 7 1/2-inch size, \$3.50. Delicate border patterns.

Haviland China, Cups and Saucers in assorted decorations are very fairly priced at \$3.50 the dozen.

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New White Lawn Waists Reduced from One Third to One Half in Price

80c. For Waists Worth 75c.
75c. For Waists Worth \$1.25
\$1.00 For Waists Worth \$1.40
\$1.05 For Waists Worth \$1.60
\$2.05 For Waists Worth \$5.00

Some we bought the other day at a manufacturer's closing-out prices—the others are our regular summer stocks.

The prices tell their own story.

Reduced Prices on White Lawn and White Linen Suits

\$8.50 Linen Suits now \$5.00.
\$10.00 and \$12.00 Lawn Suits are now \$5.98 and \$6.98.
\$15.00 and \$16.00 Lawn and Linen Suits are now \$10.00.

These Suits are all trimmed with embroidery and we only reduce them to clear up our summer stock this month, instead of carrying the garments over until next year.

Light-Weight Bed Spreads for Cool August Nights, 59c

Not a particle of dressing in it, 65c. already hemmed and ready for use. It's a fine opportunity, while they last.

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The White Cannon Cloth Suits at \$1.98 Are Going Quickly

Clouds and rain do not deter people from coming after our White Cannon Cloth Suits at \$1.98.

Shirt-Waist Suits may be gotten for as little a price as this, perhaps, but not garments made and finished like these.

Tucked waists, seven-gored skirts, with strapped seams.

Full White Turkish Bath Towels, full size and very absorbent, 17c.

Large size Unbleached Turkish Bath Towels, 12c.

Pure White Absorbent Turkish Towels, 10c.

S. C. Bailey Caught in Crash at Ball Park and Then Hurt on Train.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILKESBARRE, August 15.—S. C. Bailey, No. 24 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, is in bad luck. Last Saturday he was caught in the crash at the Philadelphia Ball Park, and recovered sufficiently to take a trip to Niagara Falls to recuperate. While passing from the Pullman to the dining-car on the Lehigh Valley train, at the depot here yesterday, he met with a second accident.

One of the air hose between the two cars burst, and they came together with such force that a piece of drawhead was chipped off and struck Bailey on the forehead, inflicting a severe gash. Another passenger saved him from falling under the wheels.

A physician attended the injured man, and the latter was able to continue on his journey to Niagara Falls.

Excursion to Durham and Raleigh, N. C.
Via the Southern Railway, August 25, 1903; Round Trip, \$2.50.

Special excursion train will leave Richmond via the Southern Railway, 9:45 A. M., August 25th, for Raleigh, N. C., through Keyville, Chase City, Durham, Charlotte, Oxford and Durham, 8:30 round trip.

Returning, leave Raleigh 11:30 P. M., August 26th, arrive Richmond 8 A. M., August 27th. Special cars for white people. A splendid opportunity to visit your friends in the old North State.

LABOR-DAY EXCURSION TO WASHINGTON.
Labor Day, Monday, September 7th. Two days in Washington. Only \$2.50 round trip. J. M. THOMPSON & CO.

Miller & Rhoads.

An India Lawn for 10c—That is an Especially Good Bargain

With the great demand for White Goods this summer it seems a little remarkable that such a staple fabric as India Lawn should sell under 10c, but we have a pretty fine sheer lawn for 10c, that is worth all of 12 1/2c, and really would be a good bargain at the latter price. It's 40 inches wide.

Another India Lawn the same width, but not quite as fine, is 8c. It is a 7c. quality.

10c. Fine Corded Madras, 12 1/2c.
20c. Fine Welt Plique, 15c.

Few More of the \$5.50 and \$6.00 Suit Cases for \$5.00

For the late vacations—Good Cowhide Cases in light tan and brown, neatly trimmed with brass and lined with heavy linen, 22 inches and 24 inches in size.

Window Shades for 33c That Are Better Than Usual at That Price

We judge so at any rate from what we've seen and what we know about shades. Good Opaque Shading, mounted on first-class rollers, 3x3 feet, with plain, hemmed or tasseled fringes.

Piedmont Assembly

Many Visitors at Hospitable Homes in Gordonsville.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GORDONSVILLE, Va., Aug. 15.—The Piedmont Assembly, which has been in session at the grounds, one mile west of town, closed Thursday night, after an interesting meeting, lasting eleven days. The meetings were well attended. Sunday the crowd was unusually large, estimated at four thousand.

Dr. L.